

Stevens- WHI
China Timemap

You will be using a TimeMap to explore the geography and GREATS of Ancient China and its first dynasty, the Shang. As you work through the map please follow the directions to move through the different images and textboxes. You will be using the information from the Timemap to both answer questions on this sheet and fill out your GREATS chart.

- Please click on the Ancient China Time Map and then click on the little red i under 2000 BC. You will see a textbox appear entitled “**China in 2000 BC**” You can drag the textbox around the screen if you want.

Questions:

1. What 2 crops were grown in China and where did they grow?
2. Why were they important to the civilization?

- You will see a variety of pictures on the map. Click on the images and read the descriptions that accompany them. Now click on the i button above the rice paddy image. Read the text box entitled “**The Yangtze Valley**”.

Question:

1. What is the advantage of growing rice over wheat?

- Click on the i button above the image of the river boat and read the textbox entitled “**Yellow River Valley**.”
- Use the information in the textbox to fill out your **GREATS** chart.

- Click on the i button to the left of the image of loess. Read the textbox entitled “**The Steppes of Central Asia**”

Questions:

1. Describe the way of life in the region.
2. How did this region serve as an area of cultural diffusion?

- Click the arrow to the right of 2000 BC and watch the date move to 1800 BC. Read the textbox entitled “**The Shang Dynasty**”.

Questions:

1. Where was the Shang Dynasty centered and why?
2. What is a dynasty?

•You will see a variety of pictures on the map. Click on the images and read the descriptions that accompany them. Now click the i button next to the tortoise shell and

• Use the information in the textbox entitled “***Shang Culture***” to add to your **GREATS** chart.

•Click on the icon below the bronze sculpture and read the information in the textbox entitled “***A Powerful Kingdom***”.

• Use the information to add to your **GREATS** chart

•Click on the icon to the left of the chariots, Read the text box entitled “***Chariots***”. Use the information to add to your **GREATS** chart.

Question:

1. How are chariots and example of cultural diffusion?

•Click on the icon below the outline of the Shang Dynasty. Read the textbox entitled “***Barbarians***”.

Question:

1. What term from our first unit of study would you use to describe the way the Shang thought of their neighbors?

Summarizer: Based on what you have learned about from last night's homework and the TimeMap Activity create and acrostic about the GREATS of Ancient China and its geography.

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